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## TRANSPORTATION CRISIS

**Business To Be Paralyzed by Strike. Trainmen Walk Out Monday. Congress Acting**

If the strike ordered by the unions for Monday takes effect, all business in this country will be at a practical stand still and exporting halted. The various trainmen's orders have demanded an 8 hour day and time and a half for overtime, and the presidents of all the roads affected have positively refused to accede to the demand, the result being that an imminent prospect for a general paralysis of business will be felt in every direction next week unless congress, thru the heroic efforts of President Wilson does something to avert it before Monday. It was that that President Wilson had checked the threatened calamity until an agreement could be reached satisfactory to the owners of the railroads and the workmen, but like a bolt out of a clear sky, the order for the general strike flashed over the country.

Railroads are refusing freight and stock yards are being overcrowded with stuff which cannot possibly get out if the strike is on, and consequent sacrifice of the stock is inevitable.

Congress is working overtime to pass a law which will take effect before Monday, but the president's proposals are meeting with much opposition. It may be that the government will be forced to take over the management of the railroads if congress ties up on the questions before it. President Wilson has determined to head off the calamity in some way, and that means that it will be done or be of very short duration.

As important feature of a strike as any other is the inability to get food and other supplies to the army in and about Mexico. That army must be fed and with the transportation lines out of business it is impossible.

Railroad managers believe that the moving of a limited number of trains can be effected if the strike goes on, but the allied and sympathetic organizations of railroad employees such as freight handlers, yard and switch men etc. may cut out hope of moving any trains whatever.

The situation in a nut shell is, that the railroads have been dickering with their employees until the latter have got tired waiting for action and have made demands which the railroads claim cannot be met and allow them to exist. The proposition that they might increase their rates to meet the demands appears to have been to no effect. The orders of railway trainmen precipitated action by declaring a strike which would take out of service at least a half million men and tie up all the main road of the country. The voting on this strike question was months in being taken and the managers of the railroads knew of its existence and the result long before the final declaration of the leaders of the various orders. When the strike was declared, President Wilson asked for a conference with the leaders of both the strikers and the managers of the railroads. He had the strikers calmed until the presidents of the roads refused such action as would have settled the matter.

The strike was declared for Monday and President Wilson turned the question over to congress for action. Congress is at it day and night to reach a conclusion and act.

J. W. Taylor went to Kansas City Wednesday.

## Few Disagree With Us

There was exception taken to our comments on the Jones chautauqua numbers which appeared to us, and we might add to a majority of those who heard them, as being unworthy, and to hand it back to us, a few of the members of the commercial club, to be exact, a dozen out of 62, met and resolved that we were wrong as will appear from the resolution printed below. The numbers commented on adversely were found fault with in some particular or another, if not to the whole subject. The numbers we praised were, so far as we can learn by interviewing a great many, highly appreciated. Blankes lecture, if such it might be called, is held by many we have heard express their views of it, unfit for public utterance and we took their views on this as well as on the Farham and Cairns lectures, not having heard them ourselves.

The one great idea which prompts the editor of the Courier to write up matters as he sees them or as he hears them discussed by those who know some thing about them, is to get the facts before the public, as he knows or believe the facts to be. Every lecturer, actor or musician and chautauqua promoter and others before the public, clip and use from newspapers favorable comment, and if such endorsements have been given without regard to the merit of the individual, some other community will be imposed upon by the use of such articles. No indifferent show, performer or promoter will get away with anything to his advantage appearing about him in the Courier; likewise unworthy aspirants for public office.

With this explanation on our part, you may proceed to read the resolution in the records of the commercial club, as follows:

"The following resolution was offered and accepted at the meeting of the Commercial Club.

Be it resolved by the Keytesville Commercial Club that the recent criticisms of our chautauqua, that appeared in the two last issues of the Chariton Courier did not express the sentiment of the Commercial Club nor of the citizens of Keytesville and community but were merely the sentiments of a few people who have always been opposed to our Chautauqua. The citizens of Keytesville and Commercial Club were well pleased with our Chautauqua and think the money it cost us was well spent. It is true that we lost some money, but if we had had the hearty support of the entire community that we were entitled to we would have made money for the good road fund."

"The sentiment of a few people" and "the hearty support of the entire community" in the above appear to be contradictory but let it go as it is.

Miss Sybil Cox returned from a three weeks visit in Kansas City, Friday.

The Redpath-Vawter Chautauqua system closed its engagement at Salisbury Wednesday evening. With the exception of the last night, the program was most excellent. Ada Roach and her bunch of "imported especially" chumps will be captured next year by Jones and shoved in on us if we don't barricade and keep the Jones out altogether. The necessary number of tickets were sold for next season and for the tenth year the promoters will delight our sister city and surrounding country with high class entertainment with perhaps the exception of the last night.

## The Blue Mark

is omitted again this week because so many have looked at the labels on their papers and responded. Your label will tell you; look at it. If wrong we will correct; if correct, please send us what you owe us. There are so many who have neglected that the total is a heap and you can help cut it down if you owe. **Think and Act.**

### Salisbury Scribblings

The annual reunion of the Reed Spring school, ten miles southeast of Mexico Mo. was held last Friday and was a complete success. The day was ideal the attendance was large, the dinner all that palate could wish, and the fraternal greetings of old school mates cordial and hearty. A. W. Johnson attended from here and reports a splendid meeting, the best yet had. This is an association of pupils who attended this school forty and fifty years ago and will be continued as long as any of the members remain alive and able to get there.

M. L. Jordan of Chicago, one of the managers of the Chicago Stock Yards has been here this week visiting relatives. We find him to be a very intelligent and accomodating gentleman and were more than glad to meet him.

Miss Martha Shockley of Columbia Mo. is here visiting her friend Miss Helen Jacobs and attending the chautauqua.

Geo. Ainsworth the liveryman is carrying his right eye in a sling the result of coming in contact with a mule. The mule is a dangerous proposition any way you take him.

Henry Eiring, south of town, went to Kansas City Monday afternoon on business.

Webster Nance and daughter, Mrs. J. A. Bozarth, left this week for a visit to relatives and friends in Brazil, Indiana.

W. S. Gallemore, rural mail carrier, has returned from Woodland Hospital at Moberly, where he has been for five weeks, recovering from an operation for appendicitis.

John Gladback, Jr. has returned from an extended trip to Iowa.

C. D. Reed and Mrs. R. A. Horton are visiting friends at Hugo, Colo.

W. C. Moredock, who has been sick a long time, has been worse than usual this week, and his friends fear the end is not far off.

Stephen Crawford attended the G. A. R. meeting at Kansas City this week.

Jack Zumalt has returned from a six months stay in Okla., and is glad to be back in old Chariton.

Jim Mott and wife are sporting a new Allen car.

Mrs. John N. Cooper attended the funeral of a child cousin at Prairie Hill this week.

The Catholic picnic Tuesday was well attended.

The circus here Saturday drew a large crowd.

A new girl baby at the home of Mose Parks and wife has brought a ray of sunshine that will bring an added joy. May the young lady have the beauty of her mother and the strength of character of her father.

Rev. James Dameron and family of Senith, Mo., are here on a visit.

### Richardson-Locke

John E. Richardson of Armstrong and Miss Mary Dean Locke of Forrest Green were united in marriage by Rev. B. D. Rudd at his study Wednesday.

### Additional Local

The Prairie Hill Fair is on. Take a day or two off and attend.

Rev. B. G. Rudd returned the first of the week from a visit to Eastern points in the state.

Miss Venia Closson returned from Marshall Thursday after a few days visit with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Hauswirth west of town are proud of a fine baby boy which came to them last Friday.

One of the old shacks which has faced the Tippet implement building for years was wrecked last week and there is a gap in the perspective.

A pink chicken was among the number shipped by Cox Poultry Co. yesterday. It was as pretty light pink as you can imagine, even the eyes and legs being pink.

Has that cow got a bell on John? Wash says the bell is not on John nor the cow. Some people don't like music nor romance nor pastoral performance after bed time.

Dominie Sampson Robertson is a supernumerary on the stage, who should be squelched. He asks for a minute and talks for an hour in a futile effort to puff the performers.

Commercial Clubs are not organized or maintained for the purpose of entering into speculative transactions. Some Chautauquas are worse than speculative—they are sure losers.

Ada Roach in the middle, a Cock Roach at each end and Hen Roaches backing up the "recent immigrants" was most excruciatingly buggy. This number is worse than the worst Jones put off on us and that is saying the worst we can about it.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Cox returned from a visit to relatives, in Ray county, Wednesday, a brother of Mrs. Cox, B. W. Jennings, and family returned with them. The party came in the Jennings Tin Lizzie and got stuck on the new worked roads west of town until 3 a. m.

Miss Dora Sommerfeld entertained the Needle Craft Sewing Society Wednesday. Those present were Mrs. George Kussman, Dora and Freida Troe, Emma Jansen, Pearl and Blanch Munden, Tilda Peterson, Daisy Rosella, Florence and Beulah Clark. Lunch was served.

Miss Mary Aldridge of St. Louis is here on a visit to relatives and friends.

Irvin Price, son of Arthur Price of near Hamden, took his first ride on the train, when he left for Colo. last week seeking employment, and found it almost as soon as he got there. Tho a grown man and living almost in sight of a train, he had never taken a real joy ride.

### Triplet

Mrs. T. P. Lipsett of Los Vegas New Mexico is visiting relatives here.

Mrs. J. Padgett of Gallatin, Mo. is visiting her father, N. B. Mahaney.

Mrs. Homer Knight was a Kansas City visitor the first of the week.

Mr. Wm Ball and family of Manhattan Kansas and Mr. Oma Saudridge and family of Brunswick visited relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. W. G. Mefford of Ava, Mo. is visiting relatives here.

Mrs. B. F. Fleetwood visited at the home of her daughter, Mrs. T. V. Phelps of Salisbury the first of the week.

Mrs. J. T. Gaines returned home Tuesday from a short visit at Tina.

C. F. Merrifield and W. H. Brown and wife are attending the Iowa State Fair.

Mrs. Jack Williams and children of Indian Grove are visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. D. B. Lee.

John Guilloid of Kansas City is visiting his mother, Mrs. Adel Guilloid, who is quite sick.

Quite a number from this vicinity have been attending the Meadville Chautauqua.

Miss Leta Small of Kansas City is visiting at the home of her uncle, Wm Small.

Mrs. Lizzie Duncan of St. Louis is visiting her sister, Mrs. H. J. Virts.

Mrs. J. A. Smith of Brunswick visited relatives here the first of the week.

Mrs. M. Hardwick and daughter Miss Ruth of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, are visiting at the home of Ed Keuchler.

### Senatorial Matter

If any one knows just how the successor of Senator John S. Wallace will be selected, he has kept it to himself, but we believe that a primary or delegated convention will have to name the man who will appear on the ballot Nov. 6. Undoubtedly as many as have aspiration that way may get in the race.

### Committee Meeting

The County Committee will meet here next Wednesday, September 6. There should be a full attendance. Arrangements for a big Campaign in the County should be made and nominees set to work after respectable majorities.

Kelly Pool takes his defeat too hard, and has said things in explanation of it which he had no right as a party man or Christian to utter. If the Knight's of Columbus did support John L. Sullivan, Kelly Pool has as little right to complain of their action as Sullivan might in answer by criticising the support Pool sought and got from the Christian church.

Another thing Mr. Pool refers to should have been left unsaid, and that is that the wets supported Sullivan. If so and the wets and dry line was drawn in Pettis county and several other places the fate of the prohibition amendment can be easily foretold.

Mr. Pool received many wet votes of which we know and doubtless Sullivan got many of the dry element. Mr. Pool got many catholic votes and Mr. Sullivan undoubtedly many protestant, but it was a democratic primary, not a wet and dry fight nor a church affair and Mr. Pool should have made no insinuations, much less undemocratic noise about his defeat.

## THE EUROPEAN WAR

**Four More Countries Fighting. The Balkan States Mix. Germany Spreads.**

Italy formally declared war on Germany last week, and this weeks opened with Roumania, Bulgaria, Serbia and Greece taking an active part in the fighting. Russia has joined Roumania and invaded Austria, the main thing desired being the liberation of the wheat in Russia for the use of the Allies.

Germany has sent an army to the assistance of Austria and the main seat of war has been divided between Verdun in France and the Balkans.

The situation around Verdun is little changed from last week. If the strike goes into effect on the railroads Monday, the Allies will suffer untold inconveniences if not such a condition as will place them at great disadvantage in the strife.

### G. A. R. at Kansas City

There are more than 18000 vets of the civil war in Kansas City this week celebrating the golden anniversary of the organization. It is estimated that there are as many more visitors. Many are present who are barely able to get about, but it was their last chance to assemble with old comrades and they took it. It was proposed by some good Samanitan that all automobiles owned privately and having a vacant seat, pick up any old soldier met with who was walking to his boarding house or anywhere else and take him there. Hospitality could not reach farther.

### Christian Church

Bible School at 9.45 A. M. Board meeting at 10.30. Divine worship and sermon by pastor at 11 o'clock. Union service in the evening at 8.

Nat Talmage, chauffeur for H. Kendell and not only a first class driver, but a mechanician who understands motor cars thoroughly, had the misfortune Monday morning to strike himself on the nose with the crank. The Franklin car did not respond at once to the self starter and Nat got out to give her a twist with the crank, with the result that the crank slipped off and twirled in his hand, the other end smashing his nose. It was fully expected that he would say something by the ladies in the car and they stopped their ears. A local surgeon straightened the nose out and bandaged it so it would be straight when exposed to the view of Nats friends down south, who otherwise might fancy that it had come in contact with a Missouri fist.

### Wilson

"In the bloodiest crucible of all history he has kept the stainless banner of the Republic flying above 100,000,000 of people in peace and in honor. During these years of great trial, of difficulties, and complications crowding upon each other like waves of angry sea, with enemies powerful from without and critics and traducers from within, with abuse cruel as it was cowardly, he emerges as majestic and powerful as a mountain after a storm, loved by all who believe in justice, and feared by those who temporize with wrong."

Senator Ollie James, in his speech before the St. Louis Convention.

Lloyd Herring and Lester Montgomery of Brunswick were here Sunday.